**INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION
CREATION PROJECT 2014-2015**

**What is the Creation Project?**

It is a worldwide church initiative to place the belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Biblical account of creation in the spotlight.

**Project Overview**Creation is the basis for life on the earth. The breath, growth and survival of this life is not to be taken for granted. Planet Earth and all life on it are so unique and complex, that questions regarding their source and designer must inevitably be asked**.** Questions that everyone asks at one time or another are:
Where do we come from?
Why are we here?
Where will the future lead us?
Is there a future?

As Seventh-day Adventists, we believe in God, the creator, and His six–day creation—that the earth was created in six literal days. This understanding is the basis for many Biblical teachings and the identity of Seventh-day Adventists. The First Angel’s Message is a call to worship the Creator and points to the Judgment and the Second Coming of Christ.

**The Goal of the Project**

This project was launched because the Biblical understanding of Creation is such a fundamental truth and a focal point for the world church in the coming years. The goal is to raise awareness of God and His six–day creation in the minds of the people, and motivate them to acknowledge His plan of Creation and to worship Him as the Creator.

**Central Theme of the Creation Movie**

One central theme of this movie revolves around the importance of the Sabbath, its origin within the Creation week and its true meaning for our time, when fundamental Biblical truths are continually under attack. We believe God set apart the seventh day Sabbath as a permanent and constant reminder of His creative power. Therefore, we cannot adequately share our faith without emphasizing a literal account of creation and the place of the Sabbath in the creation story.

**Anticipated Outcomes of the Creation Project:**

1. The proclamation of the First Angel’s Message in a secular world using a movie as one of the mediums.

2. A deep and meaningful experience found in group prayer for the participating churches and individuals.

3. Creativity and Innovation in presenting this important message to the public that captures the attention of people of all ages ethnicities and orientations.

4. An initiative to strengthening the faith of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Family.

5. Church growth through baptisms.

6. An opportunity for members of the Church to work with members of the community and gain positive coverage in the media.

**Components of the Project**

* Scientific Lecture
* The Creation Movie
* Creation Expo
* Children’s program (during the lecture)
* The book, Beyond Imagination

**Some Principal Participants in this Project:**

1. Union and local fields evangelism coordinators

2. Pastors

3. Personal Ministries leaders in the Churches

4. Lay Preachers

5. Science Teachers or Science Professionals in the SDA Church

**Target Groups**

University Students

Persons with interest in Science

Residents in Urban Areas

Professionals

**Implementation Procedures:**

1. All Unions should organize a special recruitment of science teachers, lay preachers and other lay members of the church who are interested to participate in the special Creation project.

2. On Sabbath September 27, 2014 or before, a program entitled **“The Creation”** should be held in all public and private schools and Universities where possible, church buildings, town and city centers, shopping malls and plazas, public parks, hotels, conference centers and other places that are convenient.

3. Recruited church members who are interested to participate in this project should invite and accompany persons to **“The Creation”** wherever it will be held.

4. Each site should have at least one of the following persons to lead out:

 a. Someone with technical skills to manage the audio-visual equipment

 b. A Pastor or lay preacher

 c. A Science teacher or Science professional

5. Suggested outline of “The Creation” program

 a. Music and prayer

 b. A statement on Creation from the science professional

 c. Viewing of the Creation Movie

 d. Brief presentation of the 1st Angels message of Revelation 14:6,7 by the Pastor or

 Lay Evangelist

 e. Distribution of the Bible study guide on Creation and the book Beyond Imagination.

 f. Collection of names and contact information of persons who got the literature

 g. Invitation should be extended to all such persons to participate in the special Creation Sabbath worship service at Church on October 25, 2014 to commemorate the creation.

 h. The Inter-American Division will convene a special Sabbath Divine worship Service from Curacao on October 25, 2014 as part of the commemoration activities.

 i. Follow up initiatives should be planned to engage all visitors to these creation activities in Bible Study, in preparation for acceptance of Christ as their Savior and baptisms as part of the 2015 Vision One Million Initiatives.